

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
JULY 24, 2017**

Commission Members Present: David Cleveland, Julian Mercer, Wil Ortiz, Fabian Szarko and Kevin Pimentel

Special Events Coordinator: Angie Figiel

Clerk: Cheri Clark

Call to Order: Mayor David Cleveland called the July 24, 2017 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

Public Comments: Norris Jeffrey – 3912 Balsam - thanked P&R for removing the two Plum trees on Balsam Street. He also shared that he will be trapping feral cats on his private property and taking them to the Union County Animal Shelter. Dr. Jeffrey requested P&R approval to reach out to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission district biologist to see if the fish hatcheries have any wide mouth bass and catfish available to restock our stormwater fishing ponds this fall.

James and Carolyn Griffin – 6419 Conifer Circle – have lived in Lake Park since 1999 and were the third house built in the Village. They are very concerned about the conditions around Versailles Pond. There are dead limbs by the sign, the grass is not being maintained, weeds are not being removed and there is a dead tree on the bank that adjoins their property. Mayor David Cleveland will review the site.

Approval of Minutes: Fabian Szarko made the motion to adopt the May 22, 2017 P&R minutes as presented. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Changes to the Agenda: Julian Mercer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wil Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Council Actions: Council approved \$35,000 for sidewalk repairs and new sidewalks to include the Lake Park Road sidewalk extension - \$10,775 to be funded by Powell Bill; the Russell Park triangles and Community Center sidewalk - \$4,100 to be funded by P&R; and the waste pad sidewalk extension - \$4,300 to be funded by P&R.

Budget Report: Mayor David Cleveland shared the following significant expenditures for June and July:

1. Security Cameras - \$606.
2. Council Chamber Chairs – \$515.
3. Hardwood Mulch - \$2,250.
4. Removal of Eight Trees - \$700

5. Fountain Resurfacing and one new motor - \$3,900.
6. Repair of one Russell Park Fountain - \$750.

The 2016/2017 P&R accomplishments include the following:

1. Pool Bathroom Upgrades, new feature pool cover and four tables.
2. Community Center: New Video Screen & Chamber Chairs
3. New Patriotic Lake Park Banners.
4. Founders Park & Mathisen Square Gazebos painted.
5. New Clock Tower Carillon System.
6. Resurfaced Tennis and Basketball Courts.

The 2016/2017 budget for Parks and Rec was \$366,550. P&R spent \$345,418 during the fiscal year and came in 6% under budget.

Facilities: The clock tower fountains resurfacing has been completed. P&R has a quote to completely refurbish the Town Center Kiosk - \$1,950. P&R decided to wait until later in the fiscal year to refurbish the Town Center Kiosk since the repair was not budgeted in the 2017/2018 budget.

Two additional security cameras were added to the system to capture the front entrance and the volleyball park area.

Wil Ortiz made the motion to purchase the additional chairs to match the arm chairs in the Council Chambers. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The budget for the waste bin screening project is \$6,000. The sidewalk and pad will cost \$4,300 and the enclosure cost is \$3,700. We will be over budget by \$2,000. Julian Mercer made the motion to approve the additional cost for the project. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Landscaping: P&R has been approached by Bob and Karen Faulkner – 3422 Mayhurst Drive – concerning the purchase of a strip of Barnett Park that they have been maintaining for years as part of their backyard. The piece of land is 12'6" x 105' or .016 of an acre. The Faulkners' offered to purchase the property for \$1 and pay the recording fees and attorney fees involved in the purchase. The purchase of the .016 of an acre would help to square up their yard. Wil Ortiz made the motion to recommend to Council the sale of the .016 acre to the Faulkners. Kevin Pimentel seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

The Community Center sidewalk to the rental room has been completed.

Girls on the Run and the Garden Club donated swings to the Village earlier this year. P&R then purchased a third swing to be installed in the Village. The three swings are being delivered on Tuesday and will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Swings will be installed at Veterans Pond, Lake Charles and Balsam Pond.

P&R has been asked to install a trash container at the tennis courts. Trash containers cost anywhere from \$300 to \$600. P&R decided to place a temporary trash container at the courts to determine the need.

P&R had nine trees removed this past year. Wil Ortiz will make tree recommendations at the August P&R meeting for their replacements.

P&R will be doing a landscaping survey on August 19th to determine the planting needs for the fall. Everyone will meet at the Community Center at 9 am.

Mathisen Memorial: Mayor David Cleveland has requested Sandy Coughlin proceed with the plaque for the Mathisen Square gazebo. P&R will be working later in the year on the southeast corner of the park.

Pools: Pool season is well underway. Next month P&R will have the final numbers for the Junior Olympic pump house renovation. The renovations will be completed after pool season.

Ponds: The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 054-26-07 based at Badin Lake has offered to provide the Village with monofilament containers to recycle fishing line at our ponds. P&R by consensus decided to turn the offer down because our ponds are not large bodies of water and most of the ponds are not in wooded areas that would snag the lines.

Vandalism: The Versailles Pond "No Fishing Sign" has been replaced however the "No Skateboarding Signs" at Mathisen Square continue to be vandalized. P&R decided to remove the signs at Mathisen Square.

Events: Angie Figiel discussed the following events:

1. Fourth of July Celebration – There was a nice turnout for the event. The car show and pie contest brought in residents that would not have attended the event otherwise. All proceeds from the car show were donated to Common Heart.
2. National Night Out – Teens are volunteering to receive community service hours. So far twelve people have volunteered to help. This year there will be more things for the children and teens to do. DJ Dizzle will be returning and Papa Murphy will be here with pizza.
3. Fall Clean Sweep – thinking about hosting an event that will bring residents out in their neighborhood parks to pick up sticks and trash. P&R supported the idea.

Adjourn: Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Julian Mercer seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri Clark

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